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LOST: Hitler's special communiqué claims capture by panzer brigades of Dnepropetrovsk, steel city on Dnieper. Also Luga, 90 miles south of Leningrad.

REGAINED: Moscow claims recapture of unnamed city in White Russia, held by Germans 5 days.

ANTICIPATED—early control by British troops of north-south railway in Iran. Little resistance shown as the Allied march goes on.

SURPRISED: Ark Royal planes drop 500 bombs, fire miles of cork forest in northern Sardinia.

IRAN MARCH-IN TO CUT RAIL LINK

NAZIS CLAIM STEEL CITY ON DNIEPER

Lord Beaverbrook says:—

TANK RECORD BEATEN

Our latest—the Coventry

Express Industrial Reporter TREVOR EVANS

LORD BEAVERBROOK, the Minister of Supply, had three exciting pieces of news to give to newspapermen assembled to question him yesterday on his return from America.

1. A record tank production in Britain "When I came home on Sunday," said Lord Beaverbrook, "I found that the week ending last Saturday night was a record in tank production. I do not know whether they rolled out the tanks in anticipation of my return, or because I was away, but there they are. It is plain that the month of August will be another record in tank production."

2. Britain has a new tank to be called the Coventry, designed to avenge the blitz on the Midland city.

3. American supplies to Britain of airplanes, tanks, and other munitions are "excellent." American tanks, announced the Minister, have been in action in Libya, and their new type tanks, the M3, have arrived in this country and in the Middle East in considerable numbers.

"Just as fine"

American planes, he added, are just as fine as any produced in this or any other country.

All the news which came out of the conference, except for one item, was "fed" to us by Lord Beaverbrook himself.

The other questions asked by the 40 newspapermen were uninspiring. One or two were ridiculous. For example, what one overseas newspaperman asked: "Which route are you using to send supplies to Russia?"

The question made Lord Beaverbrook gasp. All he could reply was, "No, no." To have opened up on this issue would have been worth at least £100,000 to the German espionage chiefs.

It was disappointing that men my colleagues had my a-boss, who asks so many questions himself, at their mercy they were not ready to subject him to his own methods of examination.

It was an ex-Daily Express man, H. R. S. Philpott, now of the Daily Herald, who got the news that the new Avenger tank would be in production soon.

"Tell us more about it," Philpott urged.

Rapid increase

"My boy," promised Lord Beaverbrook, "I hope you'll be taken to see some of them soon."

Lord Beaverbrook went on his own at this point.

American production, he said, is excellent and increasing rapidly. Their new light tank, the M3, is very good. But we are abandoning some imports from America, particularly iron and steel scrap, because they need it

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COVENTRY.
A tank by that name will avenge this . . .

NEW TANK CHIEFS

Three appointments

These appointments in the Tank Supply Directorate were announced yesterday by the Ministry of Supply:—

Mr. Carleton L. Dyer, Director of Tank Materials and Construction;

Mr. C. B. Cowley, Director of Tank Components; and

Mr. J. D. Crozier, Co-ordinating Director and Principal Advisory Engineer to the Director-General of Tank Supply, Mr. George C. Usher.

G-MEN TAKE SPY SUSPECT

NEW YORK, Tuesday.

KURT FREDERICK LUDWIG, a 38-year-old former salesman arrested in Seattle by G-men, has been charged with using the mails in violation of the Espionage Act.

It is said he was attempting to escape from the United States at the time of his arrest. Ludwig was born in Ohio of German parents, and educated in Germany. He went back there on extended visits, especially during Hitler's rise to power.—Exchange.

A Reuter message from Buenos Aires says Gottfried Sanstedt, chief Gestapo agent in Argentina, fled by air yesterday to Brazil. He is believed to have been summoned by Himmler to Germany.

Sanstedt was to have appeared in the morning before the judge investigating anti-Argentine activities.

MacRobert named as casualty

Acting Flight Lieutenant Sir Roderic Alan MacRobert, second of the three sons after whom their mother has named her bomber MacRobert's Reply, is among the 499 names in the R.A.F. casualty list issued yesterday. He was killed during the Iraq fighting.

THEY LOCKED US UP FOR TAKING THIS PICTURE

This is a picture of a military barracks in London. It was taken in the black-out.

While photographing this evidence of light infringement three Express men were detained by the military police. The story below gives you details. . . .

Cameraman finds light leak, held in barracks 1¼ hours

THE Daily Express on Monday night sent out a reporter and cameraman to investigate the effectiveness of London's black-out, following the Home Office appeal to the public to tighten-up their precautions.

They toured London in a Daily Express car for two hours before discovering any serious infringement.

This they found in lights showing from a military barracks.

Cameraman Arthur Cook set up his camera and was taking pictures* of the lights.

Reporter William Troughton was talking to wardens, who said the barrack lights were so bad that they had angered people living opposite, and complaints had been made to the police.

Suddenly six military police appeared and demanded to know what the Daily Express men were doing. They explained they were taking pictures of lights showing in the black-out, and, in particular, the lights showing from the barracks.

IN GUARD ROOM

The military police requested the cameraman and reporter, with their car driver, S. Berthelemy, to go to the guard-room.

As they went a civilian was heard to say: "It's time those lights were photographed."

In the guard-room explanations were made by the Daily Express representatives, and the military police examined the Ministry of Information permits carried by the cameraman and reporter.

Despite this, the three men were held in the guard-room. And it was not until an hour and 15 minutes later that they were released.

In recording these facts the Daily Express does not print the name of the barracks, because this is a military objective. But it has been supplied to the War Office.

** The picture above is one of those taken by Cameraman Cook before the military police detained him. Pictures at night need long exposure, and there would have been even more evidence of light if this exposure had not been interrupted.*

Secret command for Cunningham

Platt G.O.C. East Africa

Lieutenant-General Sir William Platt, conqueror of Keren, is to be G.O.C. East African Command—a new division of Britain's military power in the Middle East, it was announced by the War Office last night.

The detachment of the new command, in which operations have been practically finished, will enable General Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief Middle East, to concentrate on the more active theatres of war, it was said.

General Platt's command will extend from the southern border of the Sudan to the limits of Northern Rhodesia.

His partner in the East African campaign, Lieut.-General Sir A. G. Cunningham—brother of Admiral Cunningham, Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean Fleet—is to take over a secret command in the Middle East.

YARD CID MAN CHARGED

A senior detective-sergeant of the C.I.D. of Scotland-yard was last night arrested and charged with attempted shop-breaking and with possessing housebreaking implements by night.

The arrest was made by Divisional Detective Inspector Gray, of Vine-street, and other officers. Senior officials of the C.I.D. were informed.

The man was later charged at Tottenham Court-road Police Station. He will appear before the Clerkenwell magistrate this morning.

Corvette sunk—first lost this war

The Admiralty announced last night that the corvette Picottee (Lieut. R. A. Harrison, R.N.R.), has been sunk. The Picottee is the first corvette to be lost in this war.

Fine in the Straits

Weather in the Straits of Dover last night: Fine; sea calm under an almost cloudless sky; light westerly wind.

IVAN the Terrible

RUINS NAZI RADIO AGAIN

Express Radio Reporter JONAH BARRINGTON

LAST night, to the crash of bomb bursts and the rattle of machine-gun bullets, Ivan the Terrible (my name for the Russian butter-in on Nazi broadcasts) fought the most astonishing radio battle of the war.

For 48 hours he had kept silent, waiting his opportunity. Then, during a German running commentary from the Russian battle front, he crashed in. It became a barging match for air space, and went like this:—

NAZI: "I am speaking from a marshy district in the northern sector. We shall have to throw planks on the road to . . ."

IVAN: "The masters of the Berlin Radio Station are much mistaken if . . ."

Then on came the new Nazi scrambling device. It not only scrambled the voice of Ivan, but scrambled the commentator.

SCREAMED—

All that faithful German listeners could hear above the appalling racket (which sounded like two overwrought parrots screaming at one another) was the crash of guns. They tried again.

NAZI: "Three Soviet anti-tank guns are smashed. The Russians are running . . ."

IVAN (fortissimo): "Hitler's blitzkrieg is a miserable failure . . ."

More parrot—more crashes—30 seconds of pandemonium.

NAZI (blissfully unaware of the interruption): "The Russians have built enormous fortifications in this sector, which we shall have to overcome."

IVAN (shouting): "You have wasted nine weeks already . . ."

So it continued for 20 minutes—an unholy trio of commentator, butter-in and bangs.

It is easy to picture the contestants: Ivan, ear-phones glued on head, every nerve alert to find a gap in the commentary where he could butt in.

At the Funkhaus (Broadcasting House), Berlin: Squads of Nazi technicians glued to their switches, ready to snap on the scrambling device the instant Ivan opened his mouth.

—THEN SCRAMBLED

For 50 minutes after the close of the Nazi war commentary, Deutschlandsender transmitted an uninterrupted stream of scrambled distorted music to keep Ivan at bay.

And at nine o'clock he achieved his greatest triumph. He completely wrecked the main news bulletin of the evening by bursting in with his "Achtung! Achtung!" every few seconds and forcing the Nazi engineers to scramble him out.

But they also scrambled out their own announcer, so not one news item reached the German public intelligibly.

After this Berlin decided not to use Deutschlandsender for any further news broadcasts, and at 11 p.m. Germany's principal home radio station stopped its flow of music, announced hurriedly, "The news bulletin tonight will be read over the Breslau medium wave station," and went off the air.

U.S. scientist claims atom-bomb find

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—A claim that Americans have discovered how to release the atomic energy from uranium was made at Falls Village (Connecticut) by Mr. John J. O'Neill, president of the National Association of Science Writers.

An element has been developed, he said, which if contained in a 10lb. bomb, "would blast a hole 25 miles in diameter and more than a mile deep. It would wreck every structure within 100 miles."—A.P.

101 planes in 2 days

MOSCOW'S communique this morning, which merely said of the land battles: "Our troops fought stubbornly along the whole front," announced big victories in the air.

It said: "During the last two days Soviet airmen guarding the approaches to Leningrad brought down in air combat and destroyed on airfields 101 Fascist aircraft.

"On all fronts on Monday 93 German planes were destroyed. We lost 18.

"Precise data now available shows that during Sunday 63 enemy planes were destroyed, not 46 as previously reported."

Timoshenko's tanks retake lost town

Express Staff Reporter E. D. MASTERMAN

STOCKHOLM, Tuesday.

TWO heavy blows by the Germans, one along the River Dnieper, the other on the Leningrad front, brought Russia tonight face to face with the supreme German challenge to her armies.

Hitler claimed in a special communiqué issued from his headquarters that the iron and steel city of Dnepropetrovsk (pronounced Dnay-pro-petrovsk), on the Dnieper, had fallen.

Fast assault units of General von Kleist's panzer brigades took the city, he said.

Berlin followed this with a claim to have captured Luga, town 90 miles directly south of Leningrad, on the edge of Marshal Voroshilov's second defence line based along the River Luga.

DRIVEN OUT

As the German radio trumpeted out Hitler's communiqué, Moscow reported that Marshal Timoshenko's troops, in a strong counter-offensive, had hurled the Germans from a city in White Russia captured by the enemy five days ago.

Stalin's newspaper Pravda, announcing the victory, did not name the city, but the only one in White Russia which fell five days ago was Gomel, between Smolensk and Kiev.

According to Pravda, planes first made terrific raids on the city, then tanks followed by cavalry and infantry, stormed in and took it street by street.

THE UKRAINE FRONT.—Fall of Dnepropetrovsk, in the bend of the Dnieper 200 miles from the

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Ark Royal planes burn cork forest

'Hitler moustache for every Nazi'

Express Staff Reporter NORMAN SMART

ON BOARD ARK ROYAL, Monday.

THREE Spanish fishermen standing excitedly in their boat off Valencia cheered and waved their caps this morning while the Western Mediterranean Fleet wheeled majestically about them, and 33 Ark Royal planes soared in giant V for Victory formation.

They had a grandstand view of this great propaganda demonstration to Spaniards of British sea and air strength in the Mediterranean.

It was a dramatic ending to another victorious cruise by Admiral Somerville's fleet.

Miles of cork forest in Sardinia were laid waste by firebombs, and the Italian Fleet, greatly superior in strength, ran away again.

For an hour this morning the fleet steamed off Valencia, offering material proof of Mr. Churchill's statement last night that Britain will conquer.

Submarine cheers

Round and round the Spanish fishing boat we went, while the men in it forgot their fishing and went almost hysterical with delight.

A Spanish submarine popped to the surface two miles on the port beam to see what the fuss was about, and her crew, too, joined in the applause.

They squeezed in the conning tower to wave to the planes dipping over them.

At dawn yesterday Fleet Air Arm bombers, armed with explosives and incendiaries, went fire-raising in the cork forests surrounding Tempio, in northern Sardinia.

In 22 minutes' actual bombing time, and leisurely choosing the densest targets, they dropped nearly 500 bombs and started 47 separate fires.

A large warehouse was also left blazing.

Sheet of flame

A pilot said: "It looked one great sheet of flame, three miles long and two miles wide, when we returned to the Ark. I do not know who the Italians thought we were, but they gave us recognition signals before we dived in to give them the works.

"Only one gun was fired, and the gunner took so long to get out of bed that we had finished by the time he opened up."

Admiral Somerville, receiving reports of the success of the raid in the flagship Nelson, signalled congratulations, and added: "*I estimate there is enough burnt cork to give every Nazi a Hitler moustache.*"

The previous morning the fighter section shot down a big German troop-carrying plane, which edged incautiously close to the Fleet, possibly to see if the Ark Royal was really still afloat.

Victory for Russia 'inevitable'

COMPLETE confidence in the ultimate victory of Russia over Germany was expressed yesterday by Ralph Ingersoll, editor of the New York P.M., now in Russia gathering material for special articles for the Daily Express.

In a cable to the staff of his newspaper Ingersoll said: "There is no doubt Russia is putting up a magnificent fight, and morale is not simply good, it is spectacular, cocky and confident.

"The complete absence of a stampede from the fighting areas, the inability of the Germans to raid here by day and the continued public admission of unfavourable news, such as the nearness of the Germans to Leningrad, indicates, I believe, that ultimate victory for the Russians is absolutely inevitable."

CHANNEL NIGHT BLITZ

And bombs on five areas here

NAZI raiders were over five areas of Britain last night; R.A.F. planes swept across the Channel.

Two people were killed and a few injured when a raider dropped bombs on houses in the SCILLY ISLES.

Bombs were dropped at two towns in SOUTH WALES.

Houses and a church hall were damaged at a coast town in the SOUTH-EAST.

Raiders were reported over the coast of EAST ANGLIA.

They were also reported over the NORTH-EAST.

R.A.F. planes crossed the Channel soon after nightfall, and the coastline from Boulogne to Calais was lighted by bursting A.A. shells and what appeared to be the explosion of big bombs.

Nazi ships sunk

In daylight yesterday Blenheims of Bomber Command attacked shipping, sank two vessels and damaged others.

Convoys off the Friesian Islands and the Dutch coast were attacked. Both were strongly protected by escort vessels, which put up heavy fire.

Other Blenheims, with a strong fighter escort, bombed an airfield near St. Omer.

Other fighters attacked an airfield near the Belgian coast and patrol ships near Calais. From all these operations seven bombers and four fighters are missing.

Nazi down in Eire

A Nazi plane crashed near Kinsale (Co. Cork) last evening. The crew, uninjured, have been interned.

More stockings for sale?

Announcement soon

An announcement will be made by the Board of Trade this week concerning the release of silk stockings for the home market.

Last night the Board announced that rationed clothing, which has been damaged by enemy action or is shop-soiled, may now be sold at half-coupon rate, or even coupon free, under a general licence issued by the Board of Trade.

A damaged cotton shirt, for example, may be sold at half the coupon rate, if it is offered at not more than 3s. 4d. and coupon free if it is priced at not more than 1s. 8d.

U.S. orders 566 new ships

Express Staff Reporter

NEW YORK Tuesday. — The United States Maritime Commission today announced a new shipbuilding programme which will virtually double existing construction of merchant ships.

According to the new plans 566 additional ships will be built, making a total of 1,376 vessels, each averaging 10,000 tons deadweight.

Little opposition

Express Correspondent

BAGDAD, Tuesday.

REPORTS from the Iranian frontier tonight indicate that the British and Russian forces are carrying out rapidly and smoothly their march into Iran.

Despite Nazi propaganda, which is talking tonight of hundreds killed in air and naval bombardments of Teheran and the Gulf ports, there is nothing to suggest opposition on a scale which would call for such drastic measures.

The Germans tonight broadcast what purported to be an Iranian communiqué claiming that the Shah's army was "holding" the Allied advance.

But in Simla, now General Wavell's G.H.Q., a British spokesman said tonight that the Trans-Iranian railway, which cuts across the country from the Caspian Sea to the head of the Gulf at Bandar Shahpur, was expected soon to be under Allied control.

At Qasr-I-Shirin our troops had a friendly reception. Crowds came forward offering them fruit.

Air troops forestall Nazi saboteurs—Back Page.

4 A.M. LATEST

STEEL SHORTAGE IN INDIA

SIMLA, Tuesday.—It is announced by the Government of India that, owing to a severe shortage of supplies, no iron or steel will be available, save in exceptional circumstances, for the erection of residential or office buildings, or places of amusement.—Reuter.

RED FLIERS SHOOT-UP NAZI AIRFIELD

Supplement to the Soviet communiqué this morning said: "Five of our planes attacked an enemy airfield, machine-gunning 20 camouflaged Me. 109 fighters. Four Me.s caught fire. Others tried to take off, but were riddled by bullets."—Reuter.

Poulton & Noel follow up Vegetable Soup Success

TWO NEW SOUPS

KIDNEY and OXTAIL

Not one, but *two* good things after another. That is Poulton & Noel's way of helping housewives lessen their present meal-time worries. For while steaming platefuls of Poulton & Noel's famous Vegetable Soup are still being enjoyed, here come *two* more soups — Kidney and an Oxtail.

FLAVOUR PERFECT

Just taste the magnificent flavour of these new soups. Let a spoonful linger on the palate before your eager appetite gets it! *Taste* the utter richness and true flavour — the finest proof that only the best natural ingredients have been used. *Feel* the finely diced kidney with its own exquisitely delicate flavour on the tongue. Enjoy the fine aroma and succulent goodness of *real* oxtail!

QUALITY AND ECONOMY

These soups took a long time to get right. Recipes like these don't fall off trees. They have to be *made* right, too—to get that delightful home-style flavour. Only a little can be made at a time so that our head chef can maintain personal supervision. No wonder they're good! Hurry to your usual shop – before they're all gone! See what a lot you get, too, for your money. And because it's so concentrated, you can add up to the same amount of water and still have soup that really is thick, rich and satisfying.

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